2014 SC Annual District Report Card Summary

COLLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS School District
Grades: PK-12   Enrollment: 6,103
Superintendent: Dr. Franklin Foster
Board Chair: Mr. Charles Murdaugh

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2013	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2012	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	0	9	0	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

SC PASS

SC PASS	2014 Reading	2014 Math	2014 Science	2014 Social Studies	2014 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	61.7%	58.2%	64.4%	67.7%	65.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	62.5%	60.0%	58.3%	65.5%	66.0%
Average District	73.9%	72.3%	70.2%	75.9%	76.2%

SC PASS

SC PASS	2014 Reading	2014 Math	2014 Science	2014 Social Studies	2014 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	27.2%	17.5%	18.5%	26.5%	21.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	28.4%	21.6%	15.7%	23.1%	24.9%
Average District	42.4%	36.6%	26.6%	37.5%	38.6%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests	Passed 1 Subtest	Passed No Subtests
District	67.9%	19.6%	12.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	66.1%	21.4%	12.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2014 (%)

District	84.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	87.3%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	66.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	63.9%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

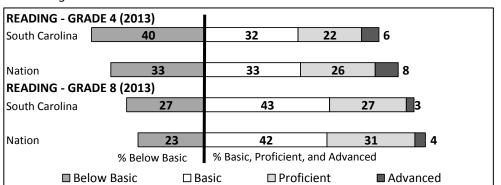|	
District	76.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.2%

** Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.
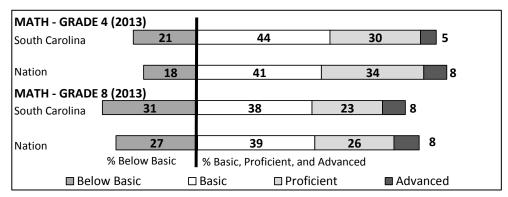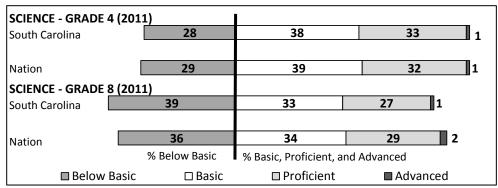
NAEP*

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING - GRADE 4 (2013)
South Carolina: 40 | 32 | 22 | 6
Nation: 33 | 33 | 26 | 8
READING - GRADE 8 (2013)
South Carolina: 27 | 43 | 27 | 3
Nation: 23 | 42 | 31 | 4
% Below Basic | % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Legend: Below Basic | Basic | Proficient | Advanced

MATH - GRADE 4 (2013)
South Carolina: 21 | 44 | 30 | 5
Nation: 18 | 41 | 34 | 8
MATH - GRADE 8 (2013)
South Carolina: 31 | 38 | 23 | 8
Nation: 27 | 39 | 26 | 8
% Below Basic | % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Legend: Below Basic | Basic | Proficient | Advanced

SCIENCE - GRADE 4 (2011)
South Carolina: 28 | 38 | 33 | 1
Nation: 29 | 39 | 32 | 1
SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2011)
South Carolina: 39 | 33 | 27 | 1
Nation: 36 | 34 | 29 | 2
% Below Basic | % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Legend: Below Basic | Basic | Proficient | Advanced

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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Abbreviations Key

N/A-Not Applicable   **N/AV**-Not Available   **N/C**-Not Collected   **N/R**-Not Reported   **I/S**-Insufficient Sample   **TBD**-To Be Determined

COLLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n = 6,103)				
Retention Rate	2.6%	Down from 4.0%	2.5%	2.1%
Attendance Rate	96.0%	Up from 95.7%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	10.0%	No change	8.4%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	15.2%	Up from 14.7%	15.2%	13.1%
Older than usual for grade	7.2%	Down from 8.4%	5.2%	4.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	5.2%	Up from 2.4%	1.1%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	2.8%	Down from 7.3%	6.2%	15.7%
Successful on AP/IB exams	50.0%	Down from 51.0%	21.6%	51.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.7%	Down from 66.4%	28.6%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	70	Down from 72	48	115
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	60	Down from 72	16	31
Annual dropout rate	3.3%	Down from 3.4%	2.1%	2.3%
Teachers (n = 381)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.3%	Up from 52.0%	59.7%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	82.4%	Up from 80.3%	75.9%	79.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.7%	Down from 90.8%	87.7%	90.1%
Teacher attendance rate	93.9%	Down from 94.1%	95.0%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	$44,270	Down 0.1%	$45,937	$47,169
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	2.9%	Up from 0.7%	0.9%	0.1%
Classes not taught by higly qualified teachers	6.5%	Up from 4.4%	5.7%	4.2%
Professional development days/teacher	7.9 days	Up from 5.8 days	8.1 days	11.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	Down from 4.0	4.0	5.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.0 to 1	Up from 21.5 to 1	20.2 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.2%	Down from 88.5%	90.0%	90.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	$9,006	Up 4.6%	$9,500	$9,403
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.8%	Down from 52.0%	48.5%	52.6%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.9%	Down from 54.0%	52.2%	55.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	9	Down from 10	6	9
Portable classrooms	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.8%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	8.0	Up from 4.0	6.0	9.0
Parents attending conferences	94.3%	Up from 92.1%	99.8%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	$61,871	Down 0.6%	$78,580	$79,777
Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	67.3	Up from 66.9	69.4	79.5

* Length of contract = 185+ days.   **Prior year audited financial data available.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	SC PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA Grade
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Colleton County School District successfully ended the school year despite difficult challenges and changes. Staff maintained focus and demonstrated dedication to our mission to ensure that all students meet or exceed state standards. The district received Advanc-Ed Accreditation in 2013 and began implementing the recommended processes: to review/update school board policies, to analyze instructional practices, and to analyze current technology needs and framework to ensure student use. CCSD partnered with Transform SC, a program providing options to transform schools. The district joined FMU's Center of Excellence to participate in relevant staff development.

Colleton County High School's (CCHS) New Tech Entrepreneurial Academy was implemented this year. Cougar New Tech (CNT) offers students technology to complete group projects as they would in a professional work environment. Paired facilitators teach integrated courses. Students create standards-based projects. All CNT students have a 1:1 student to technology ratio; students log community service hrs; and parent volunteer time is logged. Math scores improved, discipline improved, and failures diminished. CCHS hosted the State Student Council Convention in March. Students from across SC participated in leadership activities. The Academic Team, NJROTC, Band of Blue, Chorus, and girls' basketball all were award winning.

Colleton County Middle (CCMS), a SC Palmetto Silver Award winner, focused attention on STEM activities. CCMS was the first public school in SC to be selected to participate in the Student Space Flight Experiments Program. Funded by local partners, students conducted research to be tested on the International Space Station in fall of 2014. CCMS also received a 3-year grant from Boeing and a 3-year grant from Clemson Extension that promote STEM. Industrial technology invited the Sea Perch Underwater Robotics and Vex Robotics Team to CCMS, and students designed underwater and land use robots. CCMS partnered with the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Hiram E. Mann Chapter, and hosted the Middle School Minds Take Flight aviation camp this summer to promote student interest in careers in aviation, technology, and aerospace. Math and science teachers participated in the STEM Summer Institute. Project CARE, an afterschool/extended school program, was implemented for at-risk students.

Elementary schools are making gains. Bells and Hendersonville completed their 2nd yr in SC TAP. Several schools participated in community service projects, such as Pennies for Patients and food drives. Elementary schools perform CPAA and MAP data analysis to inform instruction. CCSD implemented the South Carolina Child Development Education Pilot Program (CDEPP) to focus on the developmental needs of our youngest learners. Staff development was provided weekly in writing, common core, and engaging students. Each elementary has an instructional facilitator to provide teachers support. Instructional interventionists at each school provide additional support to students.

Ms. Alisa Lemon, 5th grade teacher at Cottageville, was named the Teacher of the Year; and Ms. Caitlin O'Donnell, a special education teacher at Colleton County Middle, was named the Rookie Teacher of the Year.

This year's accomplishments can be attributed to student